

REMARKS

This document is a response to a non-final Office action that was mailed on December 3, 2007.

Claims 1, 4-7, and 9-12 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,240,091 to Ginzboorg et al. ('Ginzboorg') in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,913,040 to Rakavy et al. ('Rakavy'). Claims 2-3, 13-17, and 19-22 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ginzboorg in view Rakavy in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,748,439 to Monachello et al. ('Monachello'). Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ginzboorg in view Rakavy in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,487,560 to LaRue ('LaRue').

To determine obviousness under 35 USC §103(a), "the scope and content of the prior art are to be determined; differences between the prior art and the claims at issue are to be ascertained; and the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art resolved." *KSR Int'l Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 127 S. Ct. 1727 (2007) quoting *Graham v. John Deere Co, of Kansas City*, 383 U.S. 1 (Sup. Ct. 1966)

While disagreeing with the rejections, merely to advance prosecution, the applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 2.

With respect to independent claim 1, the claim in its amended form is believed to be patentable over the prior art of record since the applicant's most thorough analysis of the references relied upon by the Examiner failed to yield a teaching or even suggestion of the user's selecting a charging method information from a charging table transmitted to the information terminal.

The applicant respectfully asserts that while Ginzboorg teaches sending a charging record to the user's terminal, Ginzboorg at least fails to teach or even suggest the user's selecting a charging method information from a charging table. The applicant further respectfully asserts that Rakavy at least fails to teach or even suggest sending a charging method information to the user's terminal, and the user's selecting a charging method information from a charging table.

Dependent claims 3-12 are believed to be allowable at least for their dependence on an allowable base claim 1, and for additional combination of elements the claims recite.

With respect to independent claim 2, the claim in its amended form is believed to be patentable over the prior art of record since the applicant's most thorough analysis of the references relied upon by the Examiner failed to yield a teaching or even suggestion of changing an Internet access service providing method, an advertisement distribution method, and the charging method associated with Internet access according to the state of Internet usage by the customer and the result of the selection by the customer of the desired charging method information in the charging table transmitted to the information terminal.

The applicant respectfully asserts that while Ginzboorg teaches sending a charging record to the user's terminal, Ginzboorg at least fails to teach or even suggest the user's selecting a charging method information from a charging table. The applicant further respectfully asserts that Rakavy at least fails to teach or even suggest sending a charging method information to the user's terminal, and the user's selecting a charging method information from a charging table. The applicant further respectfully asserts that while Monachello teaches user's selecting a network service provider from a list of providers, Monachello at least fails to teach or even suggest sending a charging method information to the user's terminal, and the user's selecting a charging method information from a charging table.

Dependent claims 13-22 are believed to be allowable at least for their dependence on an allowable base claim 2, and for additional combination of elements the claims recite.

The applicant's selective treatment and emphasis of independent claims of the application should not be taken as an indication that the applicants believe that the Examiner's dependent claim rejections are otherwise sufficient. Applicant expressly reserves the right to present arguments traversing the propriety of the dependent claim rejections later in the prosecution of this or another application.

While the applicant herein may have highlighted a particular claim element of a claim for purposes of demonstrating insufficiency of the examination on the part of the Examiner, the applicant's highlighting of a particular claim element for such purpose should not be taken to indicate that the applicant has asserted an argument in support of patentability that a particular claim element constitutes the sole basis for patentability out of the context of the various combinations of elements of the claim or claims in which it is present. The applicant notes that applicant maintains the right here forward to assert that each claim is patentable by reason of any patentable combination recited therein.

No amendment presented herein contains new matter.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, the applicant believes all of the claims of the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with the applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call the applicant's representative at the phone number listed below.

The applicant believes that no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0289 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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